

Lamoine School Committee ~ MEETING MINUTES

6:30 pm October 14, 2014 Lamoine Consolidated School

1. Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum

Time In: 6:30

Attendance: Brett Jones, Michael Brann, Robert Pulver, Gordon Donaldson, Val Peacock

Guest Attendance: Tim Turner, Amy Duym, Carol Duffy

2. Changes to the Agenda:

Addition of 6.C.1 Consideration of Approval for Middle School Student Leadership Program

3. Citizen Comments:

Michael Brann attended the MDI High School Board Meeting and reported that they reviewed their SAT scores. MDI had six students in the top 95th percentile and four students in the top 98th percentile of students tested. There was an overall feeling of excitement at the meeting.

4. Reports

A. Superintendent

Katrina Kane reported that Tim Hilton is applying for e-rate funds earmarked from the FCC to offset telecommunications costs for schools. Fall Conference attendance verification indicated that Gordon and Robert will represent LCS with Katrina. LCS has received a Small Rural Schools Grant for \$10,398.00. The funds will be used for expenditures allowable under Title IA and will be used to offset staffing that supports student programming in math and literacy. Katrina commended Dawn McPhail for her work on the application for the grant funds. The monthly finance report was distributed. It was reported this morning that the boiler in the front portable is no longer working. Proposals for a replacement will be solicited. It was moved by Gordon Donaldson and seconded by Michael Brann to authorize the Superintendent to solicit proposals and accept one for the repair or replacement of the boiler up to \$5,000.00. Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

B. Principal

Dawn McPhail reported that Acadia National Park and the Downeast Educational Partnership are seeking more opportunities to network with our students for educational outreach opportunities. Eighth grade students will go to MMA on the 24th. The Honor system has kicked off and thus far has been well received. K-2 students will be heading to Treworgy and 3-8 will be going hiking. A presentation on standards based grading and reporting is being prepared and will be presented at the November meeting. The Patrons have requested a board member attend the costume judging on Sunday from 1:00-3:00.

C. School Committee Chair

Brett Jones reported that the town would be holding a meeting with the Recreation Committee. Discussion regarding the scheduling and maintenance of the school and fields will occur. Brett also reported that the School Committee needs to formally ask the town to allow access to the Technology Funds in order to purchase and install broadcasting equipment at the school. It was moved by Gordon Donaldson and Seconded by Robert Pulver to request the Select Board begin the process of purchasing the broadcasting equipment. Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

5. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes of the September 16, 2014 School Committee Meeting

Motion: Michael Brann Second: Gordon Donaldson Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

6. Action Items

A. Discussion of Plans for Community Forum on October 28th :

Plans for the Community Forum were finalized. Dawn, Katrina and School Committee Members will bring refreshments for those wishing to come early. The event will be publicized in the Ellsworth American, on our website, on the sign and through the Lamoine Patrons. The intent is to build on the work started last spring to develop a direction for the future of the school.

B. Consideration of Approval to Participate in NOAA New England Bay and Watershed Education and Training (B-WET) Program Grant

Dawn McPhail reviewed and invitation for LCS students to participate in this research project with other area schools.

Motion to approve the request: Michael Brann Second: Robert Pulver Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

C. Nomination of Special Education Director

Sharron Miller was nominated to be the Special Education Director for thirty days during the 2014-2015 school year.

Motion to approve the nomination: Gordon Donaldson Second: Brett Jones Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

C1. Consideration of Approval for Middle School Students to attend Leadership Training

Dawn McPhail is seeking approval to take sixth through eighth grade students to the Ed Greaves Education Center for a Leadership and Decision Making training opportunity. Students will attend for two days with one overnight. There is no charge to attend.

Motion to approve the trip: Gordon Donaldson Second: Michael Brann Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

D. Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations
Pursuant to [1 M.R.S.A. §405 (D)]

Motion to Enter: Brett Jones Second: Robert Pulver Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

No action taken

7. Adjourn: Time Out: 9:00

Approved: November 18, 2014